

Jericho Conservation Commission  
June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Meeting  
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Karina Dailey, Brian Swisher, Laura Vallett, Tom Baribault (Chair)

Guest: Peter Gray

Laura offered to draft the meeting minutes from May's meeting.

Tom informed us there was still no scheduled meeting yet for the Planning Commission to discuss the Natural Resource Overlay Regulations we worked on.

The three sketch reviews for the upcoming DRB Hearing were discussed. We began by discussing the proposed duplexes to be built near the Airport along VT Route 15. The owner is planning to tear down an old house to build two duplexes and it was agreed there did not seem to be any major natural resources concerns. The second sketch review is for a development at Milo White Road and Browns Trace. The property is being divided into a larger parcel around 65 acres and a smaller around 9.5 acres. After briefly discussing the location, there are possible concerns over the stream corridor in this area and that there may be a corner of the natural resource overlay in the proposed development. It was agreed that we would review the drawings and verify the locations of these items with regard to the proposed project.

The third project up for sketch review at the DRB was for a development off of Barber Farm Road near Route 117. This project proposes to subdivide a 135 acre parcel into 7 lots and 86 acres of common land. There is some concern over the layout of the development and how it may affect the forested habitat blocks in that area, the length of driveways and locations of wetlands and the common land. The sketch should include where exactly the natural resource layer is located with respect to the proposed development as well as any other features such as wetlands or stream corridors. Tom requested that we look over each of the sketches after the meeting and provide feedback on concerns or any other comments or questions before the DRB meeting tomorrow.

Due to the busy schedules of the Commission and Chris Cleary, we have not yet scheduled a time to go to the Cleary's Stone Co. Yard to pick out a potential stone for the Tribute Bench to Phyllis Gray. We discussed the possible stones already located in Mobbs as well as just going to the Stone Yard without Chris Cleary.

Tom provided another update on the status of the Jericho Green and the trees. The Town's Road Crew is set to grind up the stump of the tree that was taken down. The Town has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to buy a replacement tree with grant money it procured. The latest plan is to buy a Norway Spruce at \$700 with the \$500 in grant money and the Town paying the difference. Many agree that more needs to be done

to the Green to help promote soil health. Some suggestions include “guilds” around the tree bases with edibles and aesthetic plants. Tom is still waiting to hear about funding for placing mulch around the trees in the Green. This activity could be a potential activity for the August Natural Places of Jericho Event. Tom suggested we could get community members to help spruce up the Green.

Karina updated us on Arrowwood’s progress with the Wetland Inventory project. They are almost done with the field work and will need to be done by July 1<sup>st</sup> for their own project planning purposes, in addition to our budgetary needs. It was discussed that we would encourage them to invoice us before June 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure the project falls under the 2015 fiscal year’s budget.

Laura handed out flyers for advertising the River Walk Natural Places of Jericho Event to take place on that Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting scheduled for July 13th